

REMARKS

Claims 1-23 are pending in the application. It is gratefully acknowledged that Claims 6, 9, 16 and 18 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be still allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The Examiner has rejected Claims 1-5, 7, 8, 11-15, 17 and 19-23 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Kang (U.S. Patent Pub. No. 2002/0187818). The Examiner has rejected Claim 10 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kang.

Regarding the rejection of Claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e), the Examiner states that Kang discloses all of the limitations of Claim 1. More specifically, the Examiner cites the camera module 30 with the rotation axis 32 of Kang as anticipating the housing and the front cover as recited Claim 1. However, it is respectfully submitted that the Examiner is incorrect.

Claim 1 recites a camera lens module having a camera unit, *a front cover having an opening portion for exposure of the camera lens and a lens containing recess within which the camera lens is received, a housing which is provided with a partition in a predetermined internal portion*, a rear cover, a female hinge member and an elastic means. As indicated above, the Examiner cites the camera module 30 with the rotation axis 32 of Kang as anticipating the housing and the front cover. However, as evidenced in the “Response to Argument” section of the present Office Action (page 2) and Fig. 6 as cited by the Examiner regarding the opening portion for exposure of the camera lens 36 as anticipating the through-hole in the housing, the rotation axes 32 of Kang merely are hollow-type cylinders and clearly do not have an opening portion and a lens containing recess, as recited in Claim 1.

Further, even assuming that a through-hole is inherently formed in the camera module 30 since the flexible cable 54 is seen coming through the housing, Kang does not disclose a partition in a predetermined internal portion of the housing being connected with the front cover as recited in Claim 1. Thus, Kang only discloses a pair of rotation axes 32 of camera module 30, but does

not disclose a camera lens module where a front cover includes an opening portion for exposure of the camera lens and a lens containing recess, and a housing is provided with a partition in a predetermined internal position, wherein the partition exposes a lens containing recess of the front cover, as recited in Claim 1.

As recited in MPEP 706.02(IV), “for anticipation under 35 U.S.C. 102, the reference must teach every aspect of the claimed invention either explicitly or impliedly.” As Kang clearly does not teach disclose a camera lens module where a front cover includes an opening portion for exposure of the camera lens and a lens containing recess, and a housing is provided with a partition in a predetermined internal position, wherein the partition exposes a lens containing recess of the front cover, as recited in Claim 1, it is respectfully submitted that the Examiner is incorrect in rejecting these claims as being anticipated by Kang. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 2-5, 7, 8 and 11-13 are dependent upon independent Claim 1. Therefore, these claims would be patentable for at least the same reasons given for Claim 1.

In the “Response to Argument” section of the present Office Action (page 3) the Examiner further asserts that the limitation of “a side of a top end” as recited in Claim 14 was interpreted as being the top side of the top end of the main body. As indicated above, Claim 14 has been amended to more clearly define the position of the module receiving portion in the side portion of the top end of the main body, not the top side of the top end of the main body.

Regarding the rejection of independent Claim 14 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e), the Examiner states that Kang discloses all of the limitations of Claim 14. Kang discloses a camera module being rotatably coupled to two inner sides of the rotation-support parts formed in a center portion of an upper end of the main body, particularly as shown in Fig. 4. Kang does not disclose a camera lens module is rotatably connected to a module receiving portion formed in a side portion of a top end of the main body, as recited in amended Claim 14. Withdrawal of the rejection is

respectfully requested.

Claims 15, 17, 19 and 20 are dependent upon independent Claim 14. Therefore, these claims would be patentable for at least the same reasons given for Claim 14.

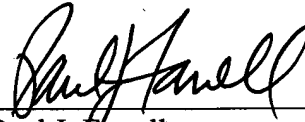
Regarding the rejection of independent Claim 21 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e), the Examiner states that Kang discloses all of the limitations of Claim 21. Even assuming that a through-hole is inherently formed in the camera module 30 since the flexible cable 54 is seen coming through the housing, Kang does not disclose a partition in a predetermined internal portion of the housing being connected with the front cover as recited in Claim 21. Thus, Kang only discloses a pair of rotation axes 32 of camera module 30, but does not disclose a camera lens module where a housing is provided with a partition in a predetermined internal position, as recited in Claim 21. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 22 and 23 are dependent upon independent Claim 21. Therefore, these claims would be patentable for at least the same reasons given for Claim 21.

Regarding dependent Claim 10, which was, rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), Claim 10 is dependent upon independent Claim 1. Therefore, Claim 10 would be patentable for at least the same reason given for Claim 1. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

In view of the preceding amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all pending claims herein, namely Claims 1-23, are in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicant's attorney at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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